



# THE LION'S PAUSE



Greetings!

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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# Frankly Speaking

*"I can disagree with your opinion, it turns out, but I can't disagree with your experience. And once I have a sense of your experience, you and I are in relationship, acknowledging the complexity in each other's position, listening less guardedly. The difference in our opinions will probably remain intact, but it no longer defines what is possible between us."*

— Krista Tippett, *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living*

## National Week of Conversation: April 20-28

The Episcopal Church in America is one of about a dozen national denominations partnering in an effort to engage in civil and respectful conversations with those whom they believe have very different political views.

The goal is to gather people of different views to sit down together for 30-60 minute conversations and discuss the following questions:

1. What do you appreciate most about living in America?
2. Are there ways in which you think our country is headed in the wrong direction? If so, in what ways?
3. How do you feel about our deep political divisions and the impact they are having on us as people and as a nation?"
4. What do you think needs to happen for us to heal the divides in our country and work together more effectively?
5. What specific actions can individuals, candidates, and members of the media take to help create a more positive tone in this year's election?

After the conversations, participants are asked to provide feedback about what they discussed and the ideas that emerged.

More information about National Week of Conversation, can be found at <https://www.revivecivility.org/national-week-conversation>.

**St. Mark's will host Conversations**

**Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm**

*Please sign up [here](#) or at church so we know how much pizza to order.*

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## **FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN**

Greetings St. Mark's!

In case you have noticed a few empty pews where Vestry members typically sit, it is not because the Vestry has abandoned you. In fact, our team is working hard to visit a handful of other Episcopal parishes in the Diocese that have recently transitioned to a new rector. Some have full time rectors while others have part time arrangements. We seek to a better understand how all of these arrangements are working and what impact they have on parish life.

Once we complete our visits, we will be communicating our findings to the parish in two formats:

- 1) During the 8am and 10am services on April 29th, a few of our Vestry members will share some of their experiences.
- 2) We will holding three interactive conversations after the 10am service on April 29th, May 6th, and May 13th.

The Vestry expects to make a decision in June about the best option for our future rector arrangement. Then, we will provide details on the next steps in the search process which will include congregational meetings and the development of a search committee.

We will continue to keep the congregation notified of our progress and are happy to answer any questions about this process.

Your Senior Warden,  
Derek Gordon

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## This Week's Bicentennial Prayer comes from: St. James Church, Boardman

Gracious God, you led the founders of this parish  
from eastern roots into a wild place.  
It became a promised land for many, full of milk and honey.  
A saint dwelt in the fields and forest.  
Lives here flourished,  
you gave birth to our joy.  
Faith and community grew,  
you watched over our lives.  
In time, challenges grew up around us,  
you witnessed our doubt, our anger, and our tears.  
When those tears fell upon the ground you did not abandon us,  
but remained with us as always,  
protecting us with your wings and catching us.  
Other saints gathered here.  
God of our neighbors,  
God of our children and grandchildren,  
God of many saints,

guide us into a few frontier,  
into strange places our parents and  
grandparents might not recognize.  
Open our hearts and eyes to see you  
and your children in your Son's light.  
Give our souls courage to build new connections,  
new communities, and new bonds of love.  
May we ever be vessels of your merciful peace  
ready to pour out your life-giving presence  
upon all your beloved creation,  
saints keeping watch at the eastern door.  
Amen.

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## Notable *Music this Sunday*

Bruce Schutrum will preside at the console and direct the choir in  
a new anthem in our library:  
"We Have Seen the Risen Lord" by Stan Pethel.

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We are currently working on a new method for reporting  
quarterly statements. We plan on having your first quarter 2018  
statement to you in the very near future.

Thank you for your patience!

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# Coming Soon

## *Upcoming Events*



**Monday, April 23rd:**

Knitting, 1:00pm

**Tuesday, April 24th:**

Lunch Bunch, 1:00pm @Table Six

**Wednesday, April 25th:**

Study Group, 10:30am

Noonday Eucharist

Finance Committee, 3:30pm

**Thursday, April 26th:**

National Conversation Week

Conversations, 6-8pm

**Sunday, April 29th:**

St. Mark's Day, 8am and 10am

Vestry Conversation, 11:30am

**-Puppet Gang Schedule-**

Practice: April 22nd

-Rehearsal TBD-

Show: May 13th

**YOUNG ARTIST IN CONCERT**

16-year-old Nathan Snyder of Canal Fulton will play a piano recital at St. Mark's on Friday night May 4th at 7:30, reception to follow. Nathan is the pupil of Rose Minner Darling, parish musician at Canal Fulton United Methodist Church. Nathan will play selections from the classical repertoire as well as a jazz improvisation and an organ/piano duet with W. Robert Morrison, host musician at St. Mark's.  
All are welcome without charge.



## Rogation Sunday: May 6th

We celebrate our stewardship of creation

Animal Blessings at the 10am Service  
which will be held in the Parish Hall

Please bring your live animals on leashes, in crates, bowls, cages or carriers. Stuffed animals and pictures of animals who cannot travel will also be blessed.



## Cooking School Starting to Sizzle:

Please join us on **April 29th at 9:15 AM** in the Library to discuss our goals and make plans for the future. Tentatively, our first gathering will be to cook for our ill or home bound parishioners and stock our freezer. We will chose a date on April 29th to come together in community and cook for a few hours. For any questions call Rhonda Warren or Carol Popovich.

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## Prayer Concerns

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Bob Kennedy, Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron Hill,  
Peg Hill, Susan

Family and Friends: Baby John Willoughby, Dwaine Stanley, Doug King, Gabe Russo (Cousin of Kate Cerrone-Arnold), Jim Mesko (Friend of Jim Weaver), Edna Glinsky (Aunt of Pam McCarthy), Joe Stevens (Friend of Pam McCarthy), The Shafer Family (friends of the Gordons), Sloane Grace Patterson (granddaughter of Bob and Kathy Kennedy) Justine Grosick and daughters (friends of the Mulls), Paul Howell (son of Carol Popovich), the Shafer Family, Mike Fox (friend of Boyds), Layna (friend of Boyds), The Moore Family,  
The Latora Family

*For all those serving in the armed forces.*  
Jake Binder - Korea (2018) Husband of Amanda Hines  
Binder

*For all those who have died.*

Betty Traganza, Peg Pilz,  
Rook (grandson of Mary Ellen, daughter of John and Mary  
Kohler, one of the founding members of  
St. Mark's.)

-Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.-

**PRAYER CHAIN:**

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at [ggordon24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggordon24@sbcglobal.net)

Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Sunday bulletin's Prayer Concerns, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

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Happy  
Birthday!

April Birthdays

1st: Marcia Kiesling  
2nd: Delaney Ryan  
4th: James Pilz  
9th: Tom Temelkoff  
10th: Barbara Whitehouse  
12th: Susie Hines  
13th: Sally Little  
18th: Joan Werren  
21st: Kim Nadel

24th: Leigh Wilson  
26th: Sandi Kaustinen  
27th: Karen Violand

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# Thankful *Thursdays*

Thank you for helping fill the Schreiber School pantry shelves! We've sent home loads to each family in January, February and a larger load at the end of March before Spring Break! We plan to send home a load in April and early May as well as a larger load with some vouchers at the end of May before school is out for summer. Thank you!



## Items Sought:

- Pasta
- Tomato or Spaghetti Sauce (no glass please)
- Hamburger helper or similar
- Boxed rice or rice meals mixes
- Canned Tuna Fish or Chicken
- Canned vegetables
- Fruit (in plastic containers or cans)
- Applesauce (no glass please)
- Jelly (no glass please)
- Oatmeal, granola bars or cereal

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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# Upcoming *Servers*

## Servers this Sunday, April 22nd:

Acolytes, 8:00am: Joe Hoot

Acolytes, 10:00am: Karen Violand, Marilyn Thorp, Susie Hines, Justin Crawl

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Paul Sack

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Judy Hixon, Anne Coen

Ushers: John Willoughby, Bill Rand, Gary Mull

Altar Guild 10:00am: Rhonda Warren

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a sub as soon as possible and notify the office. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,  
*St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

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